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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Official Action of April 8, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time, and payment of \$55.00, are enclosed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Attached are:

- 1) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that she telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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